

of 1973 to provide greater results conserving and recovering listed species by a recorded vote of 229 ayes to 193 noes, Roll No. 506. **Pages H8535–84**

Pursuant to the rule that in lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Resources now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of the Resources Committee Print dated September 26, 2005 shall be considered as an original bill for the purpose of amendment and shall be considered as read.

Pages H8551–83

Agreed to:

Pombo Manager's amendment (No. 1 printed in H. Rept. 109–240) that makes a number of technical changes to clarify certain provisions and address issues concerning science, definition of "jeopardy", consolidation of ESA related programs, and review of protective regulations. Allows actions authorized under an approved Section 10 permit to be carried out without duplicative consultation. The amendment prevents water stakeholders from being held accountable for impacts due to State actions. The amendment requires the four Power Marketing Administrations to include ESA costs in their monthly billings. The amendment directs the Secretary of Interior to survey certain Federal lands to assess their value for report to Congress. The amendment clarifies conflicting statutes to make ESA the governing statutory authority when receiving a dock building permit.

Pages H8560–64

Rejected:

George Miller of California amendment in the nature of a substitute (No. 2 printed in H. Rept. 109–240) that sought to improve the use of science, providing certainty to landowners, providing flexibility on deadlines for listing species, creating a voluntary conservation program to promote species conservation on private lands, creating a technical assistance program to help small landowners, increasing the role of State and localities, ensuring accountability of the Department of Interior, ensuring that permit and license applicants fully participate in the consultations process, and requiring a balancing of risks in planning for species recovery (by a recorded vote of 206 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 505).

Pages H8564–83

The amendment in the nature of a substitute, as amended, was adopted. **Page H8583**

H. Res. 470, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 252 yeas to 171 nays, Roll No. 502, after agreeing to order the previous question without objection.

Pages H8517–25, H8528–29

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thorn-

berry to act as Speaker pro tempore to sign enrolled bills and joint resolutions through October 6, 2005.

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Canada—U.S. Interparliamentary Group—Appointment: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of the following Members of the House to the Canada—United States Interparliamentary Group: Representative Oberstar, Shaw, Slaughter, Stearns, English of Pennsylvania, Souder, Tancred and Lipinski.

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Presidential Message: Read a message from the President wherein he notified Congress of the proposed use of funds for the District of Columbia as provided in title I (Public Law 108–335) under the heading "Federal Payment for Emergency Planning and Security Costs in the District of Columbia." (H. Doc. 109–58).

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Meeting Hour: Agreed that when the House adjourn today, it adjourn to meet at 4 p.m. on Monday, October 3, and when the House adjourns on Monday, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on Thursday, October 6, 2005, for Legislative Business. **Page H8640**

Senate Message: Messages received from the Senate today appear on pages H8515 and H8584.

Senate Referrals: S. 1235. was referred to the Committee on Veteran Affairs; S. 1786 was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure; and S. 1778 was referred to the Committees on Energy and Commerce and Ways and Means.

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Quorum Calls—Votes: Five yea-and-nay votes and two recorded votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H8529, H8529–30, H8530–31, H8582–83, H8583–84, and H8585. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

FEDERAL AGRICULTURE POLICY

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management held a hearing to review the current state of the farm economy and the economic impact of Federal policy on agriculture. Testimony was heard from Keith Collins, Chief Economist, USDA, and Chairman, Federal Crop Insurance Corporation; Howard Gruenspecht, Deputy Administrator, Energy Information Administration, Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

OPERATIONS IN IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Held a hearing on operations in Iraq. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary; GEN Richard B. Myers, USAF, Chairman. Joint Chiefs of Staff; GEN John Abizaid, USA, Commander, U.S. Central Command; and GEN George W. Casey, Jr., USA, Commanding General, Multi-National Force—Iraq.

UNDERSTANDING THE IRAN THREAT

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Terrorism, Unconventional Threats and Capabilities held a hearing on understanding the Iran threat. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

CLOSING THE GAP IN AMERICA'S SCHOOLS: THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing entitled "Closing the Achievement Gap in America's Schools: The No Child Left Behind Act." Testimony was heard from Margaret Spellings, Secretary of Education; Deborah Jewell-Sherman, Superintendent, Richmond Public Schools, Richmond, Virginia; and a public witness.

HURRICANE KATRINA—ENVIRONMENTAL STATUS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Environment and Hazardous Materials held a hearing entitled "Hurricane Katrina: Assessing the Present Environmental Status." Testimony was heard from Marcus C. Peacock, Deputy Administrator, EPA; LTG Carl A. Strock, USA, Chief of Engineers, and Commander, U.S. Corps of Engineers; Henry Falk, M.D., Director, National Center for Environmental Health and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Department of Health and Human Services; Karen Gautreaux, Deputy Secretary, Department of Environmental Quality, State of Louisiana; and public witnesses.

DISASTER PUBLIC SAFETY COMMUNICATIONS

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications and the Internet held a hearing entitled "Public Safety Communications from 9/11 to Katrina: Critical Public Policy Lessons." Testimony was heard from Kevin J. Martin, Chairman, FCC; David G. Boyd, Director, SAFECOM Program Office, Science and Technology Directorate, Department of Homeland Security; Vance Hitch, Chief Information Officer, Department of Justice; and public witnesses.

MORTGAGE INDUSTRY LICENSING/REGISTRATION

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Housing and Community Opportunity held a hearing entitled "Licensing and Registration in the Mortgage Industry." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Government Reform: Ordered reported the following measures: H.R. 1317, amended, Federal Employee Protection of Disclosures Act; H.R. 3699, amended, Federal and District of Columbia Government Real Property Act of 2005; H. Res. 15, Supporting the goals and ideals of National Campus Safety Awareness Month; H. Res. 276, Supporting the goals and ideals of Pancreatic Cancer Awareness Month; H.R. 3549, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 West 3rd Avenue in Warren, Pennsylvania, as the "William F. Clinger, Jr. Post Office Building;" H.R. 3830, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 130 Marion Avenue in Punta Gorda, Florida, as the "U.S. Cleveland Post Office Building;" H.R. 3853, To designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 208 South Main Street in Parkdale, Arkansas, as the "Willie Vaughn Post Office;" H.R. 923, amended, Mailing Support to Troops Act of 2005; and H. Res. 389, Supporting the goals of The Year of the Museum.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY/HEALTH CARE

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing entitled "The Last Frontier: Bringing the IT revolution in Healthcare." Testimony was heard from David J. Brailer, M.D., National Coordinator, Health Information Technology, Department of Health and Human Services; Robert M. Kolodner, M.D., Chief Health Informatics Officer, Veterans Health Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs; David Powner, Director, Information Technology Management Issues, GAO; and public witnesses.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS/COORDINATION

Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Incident Command, Control, and Communications during Catastrophic Events." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

EVOLVING COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGY

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on International Terrorism and Nonproliferation held a hearing on Evolving Counterterrorism Strategy. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Ordered reported the following bills: H.R. 3648, amended, To impose additional fees with respect to immigration services for intracompany transferees; H.R. 1065, as amended, without recommendation, United States Boxing Commission Act; H.R. 3647, amended, To render nationals of Denmark eligible to enter the United States as nonimmigrant traders and investors; and H.R. 1400, amended, Securing Aircraft Cockpits Against Lasers Act of 2005.

FOREIGN INFLUENCE/U.S. CONSTITUTION

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on the Constitution approved for full Committee action H. Res. 97, Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that judicial determinations regarding the meaning of the Constitution of the United States should not be based on judgments, laws, or pronouncements of foreign institutions unless such foreign judgments, laws or pronouncements inform an understanding of the original meaning of the Constitution of the United States.

DUAL/BIRTHRIGHT CITIZENSHIP

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing entitled "Dual Citizenship, Birthright Citizenship, and the Meaning of Sovereignty." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

MARINE DEBRIS RESEARCH, PREVENTION, AND REDUCTION ACT

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans and the Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation of the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure held a joint hearing on S. 362, Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act. Testimony was heard from Timothy R. E. Keeney, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Oceans and Atmosphere, NOAA, Department of Commerce; RADM Tom Gilmour, USCG, Assistant Commandant, Marine Safety and Environmental Protection, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 326, To amend the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area Act of 2000 to adjust the boundary of the Yuma Crossing National Heritage Area and to extend the authority of the Secretary of the Interior to provide assistance under that Act; H.R. 1436, To remove certain use restrictions on property located in Navajo County, Arizona; and H.R. 1972, Franklin National Battlefield Study Act. Testimony was heard

from Representative Blackburn; Sue Masica, Associate Director, Park Planning, Facilities and Lands, National Park Service, Department of the Interior; and public witnesses.

CONFERENCE REPORT—DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report to accompany H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006, and for other purposes, and against its consideration. The rule provides that the conference report shall be considered as read.

ENTREPRENEUR SOLDIERS EMPOWERMENT ACT

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Oversight held a hearing to discuss the Entrepreneur Soldiers Empowerment Act (ESEA). Testimony was heard from Bill Elmore, Office of Veterans Affairs, SBA; John Winkler, Manpower and Personnel, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense; Douglas Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

PEST MANAGEMENT AND FIRE SUPPRESSION FLEXIBILITY ACT

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment held a hearing on H.R. 1749, Pest Management and Fire Suppression Flexibility Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Otter and Cardoza; Benjamin H. Grumbles, Assistant Administrator, Water, EPA; and public witnesses.

U.S.-BAHRAIN FREE TRADE

Committee on Ways and Means: Held a hearing on the Implementation of the United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement. Testimony was heard from Shaun Donnelly, Assistant U.S. Trade Representative, Europe and the Mediterranean; and public witnesses.

MEDICARE VALUE-BASED PURCHASING FOR PHYSICIANS' SERVICES ACT

Committee on Ways and Means: Subcommittee on Health held a hearing on H.R. 3617, Medicare Value-Based Purchasing for Physicians' Services Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from Mark McClellan, M.D., Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

Joint Meetings

HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT

Conferees agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate and House passed versions of H.R. 2360, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2006.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2005

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Foreign Relations: to hold hearings to examine the nominations of John Hillen, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Barry F. Lowenkron, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, both of the Department of State, and Kent R. Hill, of Virginia, and Jacqueline Ellen Schafer, of the District of Columbia, both to be Assistant Administrator, United States Agency for International Development, 9:30 a.m., SD-419.

House

No committee meetings are scheduled.